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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 7th-October, through Sunday, 14th-October there were 218 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3DA, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5U, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PY, PZ, R1FJ, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TN, TR, TT, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9X, VP2V, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

1S/S1, PRINCIPALITY OF SEALAND (Once Claimed To Be A DXCC Entity)

Do you remember this one? A former UK anti-aircraft tower/fort (called Rought Tower) located in the North Sea was occupied by a retired army major Roy Bates and his family in 1967. Major Bates declared the fort an independent sovereign state from the UK and renamed it Sealand on September 2, 1967. Bates established Sealand as a nation in 1975. Sealand had its own constitution, flag, National Anthem, stamps, passports and currency. There were even a few DXpeditions to Sealand - 1SLA1 (2000 by a Dutch group) and S1A (1982 by a German group). However, it has been reported that Major Bates passed away on October 9th, at the age of 91 in a care home in Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, after a long battle with Alzheimer's. His wife Joan is now expected to take over the rule of Sealand. Here are some interesting URLs to read about the history and view pictures of the Principality of Sealand:

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2216596/Retired-army-major-occupied-fortress-North-Sea-declared-sovereign-principality-Sealand-dies-aged-91.html>

<http://www.sealandgov.org>

<http://www.angelfire.com/nv/micronations/sealandinfo.html>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Principality-of-Sealand/42469203122>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Principality_of_Sealand

http://www.southgatearc.org/news/july2006/sealand_appeal.htm

3B9, RODRIGUES ISLAND

Just a reminder that a team of operators from Switzerland known as the "Radio 7 Team" will be active as 3B9SP from **Rodrigues Island (AF-017)** between October 16-23rd. Their goal is to set up three amateur radio stations that can be run together on different Amateur Radio bands. Mostly one on CW, one on SSB and the third running special modes like RTTY and PSK31. They hope to use small 400 watt solid state amplifiers for the CW and SSB stations. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using two 3 element Spiderbeams (20/17/15/12/10m), verticals for 40/30/20m, a Butternut HF2V for 160/80/40m and a Slim Jim for 6 meters. QSL via HB9ACA direct or use the OQRS on ClubLog. The logs will be uploaded to LotW within 6 months after the DX Operation. For more details and updates, see:

<http://hb9fr.ch/3b9sp>

5H, TANZANIA (Update)

Noel, WB0VGI, informs OPDX this week that he is now operational in Iringa, Tanzania. He states, "I haven't established a schedule yet but will try to get on in the afternoons (1500-2000z) on 15 and 20 meters." He states that he will update us with more when he figures out what bands are best from there. He will be there until December 17th. Operations will be on CW, SSB and PSK. QSL via his home callsign.

5X, UGANDA (Postponed!)

Nick, G3RWF, who was expected to be active this week as 5X1NH from Uganda for two months, has announced that his trip is now postponed. No reason given.

8P, BARBADOS

Dave, WJ2O, will be active as 8P9DF from Surfsong resort in St. Philip between November 21-28th. Activity will be on all HF bands using mainly CW and an entry in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th). Outside of the contest, he will be on 30/17/12 meters. QSL via WJ2O. For more details and updates, see:

<http://www.wj2o.com>

8Q, MALDIVES

Claudio, HB9OAU, will once again be active from the Maldives as 8Q7AU, but from **Maayafushi Island (AS-013)**, North Male Atoll, between November 26th and December 11th. Activity will be holiday style on 80-10 meters SSB only using a 7-band vertical. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. Look for updates and photos from his last trip at:

<http://www.hb9oau.ch>

9H, MALTA

Operators Brad/K7ZSD (9H3ZD), Carl/WS7L (9H3WM) and Tim/NL8F (9H3TJ) will be active as 9H9X during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Multi-Single entry. The operators will use their individual callsigns before and after the contest. They will arrive in Malta on October 18th, and make a short trip to Sicily via Brads Yacht, but will be back for the contest. Operators will be staying at the Euroclub Hotel in Qawra, Malta. They will have an A3 beam, S9 43 ft. vertical and some other wire antennas. Radios will be an Icom 756 Pro II and a Elecraft K3 with two 400 watt amps. They will be on the the third floor of the hotel with access to the roof 24/7 where the antennas will be. Tim, NL8F, will leave shortly after the contest and head back home because of business, but the other guys will have a bit more time to be on the air. QSL 9H9X via LoTW. QSL the other callsigns via the operator's instructions.

9J & Z2, ZAMBIA AND ZIMBABWE

Gerard (Gert), ZS6AYU, will be active as 9J2GF from near Livingstone, Zambia, between October 19-22nd, and also as Z21GF from Victoria Falls between October 22-25th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using CW only. He informs OPDX that he will use a FT857D into a Cushcraft R7000 vertical running 100 watts (in 9J) and 400 watts (in Z2). QSL via ZS6AYU, direct or by the Bureau.

C6, BAHAMAS

Brian, N3IQ (ND3F), will once again be active as C6AQQ from Nassau (FL16 - Junkanoo Beach), **Providence Island (NA-001)** between October 25-31st. Activity will be mostly on the lower bands, but he will also be in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low- Power or QRP entry. He states, "Different location than usual with more modest antennas." QSL via N3IQ, direct preferred or LoTW, by the Bureau (long wait) and eQSL.

C6, BAHAMAS

Operators Bob/N4BP (C6AKQ), Tim/N4UM (C6ARU) and Mike/K4RUM (C6AUM) will be active from Freeport, Lucaya, **Bahamas (NA-080)**, WLOTA 0527, between November 20th and December 11th. Activity will include the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th), the ARRL 160m Contest (November 30th- December 2nd) and the ARRL 10m Contest (December 8-9th). Outside of the contests, Tim/C6ARU (N4UM) will be doing all the digital, mainly PSK31 and Olivia, but will probably also do some RTTY and other digital modes. Mike/C6AUM (K4RUM) and Bob/C6AKQ (N4BP) will probably do all CW. Bob informs OPDX that "We don't have any band plan, but will cover them all from 160-6 meters including the WARC bands." QSL via the operator's home callsign.

CARIBBEAN TOUR

David, K3LP, will activate the following Caribbean Islands during the later half of December. Specifics of his activities are not known at this time, but it will be holiday style. His tentative schedule is as follows:

December 18-22nd - Callsign K3LP/KP4; San Juan, Puerto Rico

December 23rd - Callsign K3LP/KP2; St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands

December 24th - Callsign K3LP/V4; Basseterre, St. Kitts

December 25th - Callsign K3LP/J73; Roseau, Dominica

December 26th - Callsign K3LP/J3; St. George's, Grenada

December 28th - Callsign K3LP/KP2; Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

December 29-31st - Callsign K3LP/KP4; San Juan, Puerto Rico

Look for possible updates and more details at: <http://www.k3lp.com>

CY0, SABLE ISLAND (Update/Press Release)

The following was sent out on October 8th [edited]:

"Final preparations for the upcoming Sable Island DXpedition are being completed. Canadian authorities have approved the revised dates of October 22-31st. In order to minimize potential impact to the migratory bird population on Sable Island, we have settled on vertical dipole antennas made by 'GAP Antennas'. GAP has already shipped five, pre-drilled, ready-to-go, mono-band vertical antennas for 10, 12, 15, 17, and 20 meters. These antennas should arrive in Halifax this week. In addition, we are shipping back-up radio transceivers to Halifax on Monday, October 8th. Extra freeze-dried meals are being shipped, as well, in the event that our departure from Sable is delayed by weather conditions. Now that Sable Island has become a national park, it is unclear what limitations, if any, will be placed on future requests for group operations. Even though, we are just a two-person team, we will do our best to provide a new country or new band-country to those in need of CY0. As previously advertised, our focus will be on 10m, 12m, and 15m, where the greatest demand for Sable Island exists. For the latest updates, visit:

<http://www.CY0dexpedition.com>

73 de Murray/WA4DAN and Ron/AA4VK"

DXPEDITION VIDEOS OF THE WEEK

With more and more DXpeditions putting their videos on YouTube and other Web services, we decided to list them (possibly) each week. For this week's listings:

2012 - 3D2C Conway Reef (Video by AH6HY - mostly bird life on the island):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MjGNjwyqW04>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QSJkwQVYMU8>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JaQLt-mmTU>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MO-LkbitTC0>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Z5n2kHcGF8>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hr0ywAWEkfk>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iuzCeKA7hQg>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j8E1LV7L9t4>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S58MxX4Ud8s>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cTahpr6OrMA>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xKE7aCAs284>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bShoMz6suk> (video by K6SRZ)

2012 - S79RCC **Seychelles Islands (AF-025 & AF-035)** [Russian]:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yDxwuthn0qA>

2009 - XV7RRC **Vietnam IOTAs (AS-157, AS-162 & AS-185)**:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mV2beWJ4rU>

2008 - KL7DX Aleutians Islands [Eng]:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eDM2MXxow8w>

2006 - TF4RRC **Flatley Island (EU-168)**, Iceland [Russian]:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGLL6B5hPAs>

If you have a DXpedition 'video' available on the Web and would like to have it listed in the OPDX, PLEASE send the URL to use, and we will publish it.

EA8, CANARY ISLANDS

Sindre, LA6OP, will be active as EA8/LA6OP from **Tenerife (AF-004, S-012)** for the Spanish Islands Award, WLOTA LH-1276) between October 25th and November 8th. Activity will be holiday style on the bands between 20-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL vis his home callsign.

EA9, CEUTA & MELILLA

Mek, SP7VC, will be active as EA9/SP7VC from Ceuta between October 22-28th. Activity will be holiday style (he will also be fishing) on 160-10 meters using SSB and also an entry in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th). Equipment consists of: IC-746, HEX beam by SP7IDX technology, R-7000 vertical, Inverted L for 160/80m and a K9AY beverage antenna for receiving. QSL via his home callsign direct or LoTW. For updates, visit his home page at:

<http://www.sp7vc.pl>

EF8, CANARY ISLANDS

Mauri, EA8CMX/OHBY5, will be active as EF8S during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (160m)/Low-Power entry. He states that he will try a 3-element wire- Yagis and Beverages. QSL via OH2BYS.

EI, IRELAND

Olivier, ON4EI, will once again be active as EI8GQB and EI1A between October 21-30th. He plans to operate from his caravan using green energy. Olivier will activate EI1A callsign during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Single-Op/2-Radio (SO2R) entry. You can follow his activity and antenna experimentation on

<http://www.qrz.com/db/EI8GQB>

where you will find a live information banner with on air frequencies and information. QSL ONLY via ON4EI by the Bureau.

EY, TAJIKISTAN

Nodir, EY8MM, from Dushanbe, announced once again that he will be active during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) and the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (10m) entry. QSL K1BV via direct, by the Bureau or LoTW. Check out his home page at:

<http://www.ey8mm.com>

FY, FRENCH GUIANA

Didier, FY5FY, will be active as FY5KE during the CQWWide DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15m)/Low-Power entry. QSL via FY1FL, by the Bureau or direct.

IT'S TIME FOR AZORES NINE ISLANDS HUNT LOTTERY DRAW

Excerpts from an October 12th press release state [edited]: "A lottery draw for two free travel packages to the Azores will take place at DARC Headquarters in Kassel, Germany, at 1100 UTC on October 15, 2012, and the winners will be announced immediately hereafter at:

<http://www.visitazores.com/a9ihunt>

... No one at 1200 UTC on September 29th expected that more than 9000 hams from all continents would dedicate all their efforts to make the project a success..... A total of 1542 amateurs contacted five or more of the nine islands, resulting in 11,404 lottery tickets for first round.

Additionally, the twenty-five (25) amateurs who contacted all nine islands fastest will participate in a second lottery. These twenty-five represent 12 different countries and include three stations from USA..... Totally 551 stations contacted all islands and they will be honored with a person- alized special Award of Merit. Full-color QSL cards featuring each island will be released through the QSL bureau network while direct requests can be mailed to Jose Melo, CU2CE."

IOTA NEWS

AS-012. Operators Take/JA6CNH and Yasuro/JF6XQJ will be active from **Genkai Island (Shima)** between October 19-21st. Any changes to their plans will be made on October 18th.

OC-151. Leo, YC9MLL, who has been living on **Flores Island** for 8 years, informs OPDX that he operates on SSB mostly, but will operate on CW if requested. He is usually on Saturdays and Sundays, but states that he is on vacation now and hams can arrange for IOTA QSO anytime via E-mail (see [QRZ.com](http://www.qrz.com)). Leo can operate on 40/20/15/10 meters using CW, SSB, PSK31, RTTY and SSTV. He has a homebrew radio with 50-100w into a dipole and delta loop antenna. QSL via his home callsign.

JD1, OGASAWARA

Makoto, JI5RPT, will once again be active as JD1BLY from **Chichijima Island (AS-031)**,

Ogasawara, between December 10-13th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters, including the satellites, using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via his home callsign JI5RPT. His log search will be available on his Web site at:

<http://www.ji5rpt.com/jd1>

He will also use Twitter to inform his real-time activities at:

<http://twitter.com/jd1bly>

KG6, GUAM (OC-026)

Joel, KG6DX, will be active as KG6DX in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (10m)/High-Power entry. QSL via KG6DX, CBA or (QRZ.com) address. Also LoTW.

KH6BZF PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (October 15-21st)

Oct/15th	AN	Oct/18th	AN	Oct/20th	AN
Oct/16th	HN	Oct/19th	AN	Oct/21st	AN
Oct/17th	AN				

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA (Update/Operator Needed)

Operators Bill/N6MW and Jim/N6TQ will be active as KH8/N6MW from a hotel in Tutuila between March 19-28th. Their focus will be on "Maximum number of different stations contacted; CW, some SSB and RTTY if/when things slow down; EU when possible on higher bands; and Significant 160m effort." Their location on the island will be well south of the Pago Pago harbor area to avoid as much mountain low angle cut off as possible. The DXpedition's Web page states, "One more operator position open." For more details and updates, visit:

<http://n6mw.jimdo.com>

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2013

Members of the Eastern Iowa DX Association (EIDXA) elected the founding officers for 2013:

Craig Fastenow, K0CF	- President
Jerry Rappel, WW0E	- Vice President
Rich Haendel, W3ACO	- Secretary/Treasurer

NH8, SWAINS ISLAND (Press Release)

The following was posted on the NH8S Web page www.nh8s.org on October 9th [edited]:

"Craig and I would like to thank everyone who worked us from Swains. We made

105,500 qso's which made a lot of hams happy. This is not a record, but something we and the team are very proud of. We had a great time but are glad to be back home with our families.

This was truly a remarkable trip in many ways. We are very proud of our team as they performed remarkably well under unbearable heat. As you may know by now, it was 125° F on the beach in the sun. To put up antennas in the loose sand and heat was quite a challenge. During the duration of the trip, the crew walked many miles to get to the operating stations four times a day. Then they worked the endless pileups, which can be stressful. Never did they complain about the job before them, making qso's in those hot tents. Every crew member experienced some type of heat reaction at one time or another. Some members endured other injuries as well, and two were hospitalized, so we had our challenges. Everyone is home and fine now..

To Swains owners, the Jennings family, you and your group were an enormous help to us. The Island support team of thirteen native men and women worked tirelessly to see that our needs were met. We couldn't ask for better hosts. Including the off-island support crew; it took a total of 43 people to make this all happen.

QSL cards are ready to be printed and should be distributed in a few months. If you need a card right away, please go to our OQRS link for your QSL card.

We want to thank all of our equipment sponsors; your equipment worked flawlessly. And to the foundations, clubs and individuals who helped fund this trip, we are most appreciative of your generosity. These trips to remote places are so expensive that it would not be possible without your support.

It was a great honor for Craig and me to lead such an extraordinary team of highly experienced operators. This was not the easiest trip any of us have been on, and you guys are the greatest.

Craig/K9CT and Joe/W8GEX Co-Leaders"

NP3, PUERTO RICO

Jaime, WP3A, will be active as NP3X from the Coamo Contest club station during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m) entry.

ON, BELGIUM

Berkin, TA3J, will be active as ON/TA3J from various locations between December 7-11th. Activity will be on 160-2 meters using SSB and FM. QSL via his home callsign.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (dated October 14th)

3D2GC via LZ1GC	EM4IFF via US5IQ	OG300J via OH30J
3D20P via PT20P	EM80L/p via US0LW	OG73X via OH8L
5B/RT9T via RT9T	EM200V via UR2VA	OH3D via OH3AD
5D7AT via ON4LO	GB80PW via G3XFD	RI1ANF via ZS1ANF or RK1PWA
5U5A via I2UIY	H44PA via VK1AI	SV0XCC/9 via LZ1YE

6W1SP via F4FMI (*)	II7EPC via IQ7MU	SZ3I via SV3JZT
A41PB via EB7DX	II9MK via IQ9DE	T88IK via JF1LUT
A61AS via YO3FRI	IM0LDV via IK5YOJ	TR8CA via F6CBC
CT8/G7VJR via M0OXO	K3A via N3YIM	TX5EG via F6CBW
CT9/DF3FS via DF3FS	LA/JH0CJH via JH0CJH	

(d) direct only (B) Bureau only (L) LoTW only

* Bathily, 6W1SP, announced to only QSL direct to:

Bathily Mala, Box 160, 12600 Ouakam Air, Senegal.

7O6T QSL STATUS. QSL Manager Nick, UA3DX, reports that the 7O6T QSL cards are still being printed. Please, wait until November-December.

TX0HF QSL STATUS. Look for the log of TX0HF to be on LoTW at the end of year. Philippe, FO4BM, requests to "Please do not send any QSL card to my P.O.Box in Moorea!!! QSL via F4FJH direct only. Card requests are being processed now."

U.S. MAIL GOING UP! It was announced that the U.S. postal first class rate will be going up to 46-cents, as well as other rate hikes on January 27th, 2013. Postcards will have a 1-cent increase to 33 cents. However, something new has been added. There will now be an international/global "FOREVER" stamp available for 1.10 USD. To read the complete details, see:

http://about.usps.com/news/national-releases/2012/pr12_114.htm

ZA1E QSL ROUTE. QSL only direct to Dik, ZA1E, via the QRZ.com address. PLEASE NO IRCs.

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 2O12L, 5R8IC, 8P9HA, 9A3IH, CU7MD, CU9AC, DP6T, E74IW, EI3KG, F4GDI, F4GTB, IO5O, JW0HR, KH7X, LU4DX, LX7I, OH8X, OK1TN, OT4A, PF7DKW, PJ2/PB2T, PJ2/VE7SZ, PP1CZ, PZ5RA, RI1ANF, RW3XZ, S57S, UA6GR, UT3UA, UU0JM/P, V31RN, V44KAI, VK7CW, WP4U, XE2S, ZS5B, XU7ACY and ZW5B

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3D2AG/P, 4S7UJG, 4S7QHG, 9J2JA, D44AC, FP/VE2XB, FY5FA, H44UD, HB0/DL2SBY, PJ4G, TF2CL, TX0HF, VK9PN and XP2I

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!

T30, WESTERN KIRIBATI

Just a reminder that a Brazilian team will be active as T30PY (HF) and T30SIX (6m, EME on WSJT-JT65A) from **Tarawa Island (OC-017)** this week between October 16-25th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY EME. Suggested frequencies are listed in OPDX.1059. They will have three stations on the air. QSL via PY2PT, direct, by the Bureau ("Estimation to reply: at last, 3 years."), or by their OQRS on the Web page. For more details, see:

<http://www.mdxc.org/t30py>

TO2, FRENCH GUIANA

Rich, N6KT (ex-HC8N), will be active as TO2A from French Guiana between October 20-30th. Activity (hopefully) will be on all bands. He will also be in the CQWW DX SSB Contest

(October 27-28th). QSL via KU9C.

TT8, CHAD

You only have a few more days to work the "Italian DXpedition Team" as TT8TT from N'Djamena until October 16th. According to their Web page, as of 0818z, October 14th, TT8TT has made 63322 QSOs with 18710 unique callsigns (32866/CW, 27555/SSB and 2901/RTTY). QSL direct via I2YSB. QSL by the Bureau via IK2CIO. Logs will be posted to LoTW within six months. A log search and an OQRS are all available on their Web page at:

<http://www.i2ysb.com>

Official forum is at:

<http://bit.ly/NVQaav>

TX5, CLIPPERTON ISLAND (Update)

The 2013 Cordell Expedition to Clipperton Island will use the callsign TX5K. The DXpedition team will leave San Diego on the vessel "Shogun" on February 19th, and land on Clipperton February 27th. They will be on the air between February 28th and March 10th.

The current list of operators are Bob/KK6EK (Organizer, Expedition Leader), Christian/DL1MGB (Co-organizer), Carlos/NP4IW (Logistics), Gerhard/DJ5IW, Robert/SP5XVY, Dietmar/DL3DXX, Andreas/DL5CW, Yann/F1NGP, Mathias/DJ2HD, Heye/DJ9RR, Terry/AB5K, Ed/KE3D, Rick/KF4ZZ, Mike/WA6O, Luis/XE1L, Igor/US0VA, Tom/DL5LYM, Tom/VE3CX, Ken/OZ1IKY, Jef/DD2CW, Dave/WJ2O, Giovanni/I5JHW and one other space open. Louis-Philippe Loncke will be there for documentation. There are four honorary team members: Chod Harris/VP2ML (SK - DXpedition Dedication), Yasuo "Zorro" Miyazawa/JH1AJT (Honorary DXpedition Leader), Conrad Limbaugh (Expedition Dedication) and Dan Gotshall (Honorary Expedition Leader).

The "Technology Development" team members are: Bob/N2OO is the QSL Manager, Peter/W6OP and Dean/N7XG are Software Development, Rich/KY6R (Social Media), Alan/AD6E (Satellite Communications), Dean/N6BV (Radio Propagation Modeling) and Felipe (Internet Data). Regional Coordinators are: Marcus/DL9RCF (Germany), Stan/KH6CG (Hawaii), Col/MM0NDX (Scotland), Cesar/PY2YP (Brazil), Andre/V51B (Namibia), Tommy/VK2IR (Australia) and XE2HWJ (Mexico). There will be four members on the Scientific Program team.

For more details, visit the Clipperton Island Web page at:

<http://www.cordell.org/CI/index.html>

UK, UZBEKISTAN

Takhir, UA1ZEY, will be active as UK/UA1ZEY from Samarkand between October 14th and November 1st. Activity will be active on HF bands. QSL via his home callsign direct.

V8, BRUNEI DARUSSALAM (V84SMD Press Release #5)

The following was sent out on October 8th [edited]:

"DX friends of all over the World , we are now very near the kick off of our new

adventure, this time in V8 land. All is going perfectly, and we are happy to report that the DXpedition packaging is ready and all equipments tested. Our international team of 23 operators of 9 Countries, lead by Antonio/IZ8CCW and Gabriele/I2VGW under the flag of Mediterraneo DX Club, is excited about this operation that will be on the air from two different shacks. The first one just on the beach of Pantai Seri Kenangan in Tutong and the second one from a close hotel.

The team will be running seven stations from 6 to 160 including 6 meters. We'll be on CW, SSB and RTTY around the clock from November 11-23rd, and our aim is to take care of increasing number of QSOs also outside EU, and also to use as many modes possible where the country is most wanted. As we know so far, CW and RTTY modes are more needed all around the world from Brunei Darussalam. We remind you that V8 is also an IOTA reference (OC-88). For further info and to discover how to support us, please see our Web site at <http://www.mdxc.org/v84smd>. Any donations will be very very useful. So thanks in advance! Here is also our set-up:

RTX - 4X ICOM IC-7000, 1X ELECRAFT K2, 1 x YAESU FT-950 and 1x ICOM 7200

ANTENNAS FARM - 1X Vertical antenna for 80m, 2X 5 Bands Spiderbeam, 1X UJX-Vertical for 40-10m, 4 Square for 40m, 2X Vertical in phase for 30m, 1X 2 element mono 20m, 1x 3 element

mono 15m, 1X Inverted L for 160m, 1x 6 elemnet mono band 50Mhz model 50LFA6XL by Eantenna and 1x WARC Bands Rigid Dipole by EAntenna WARC121730

AMPLIFIRES - 2X Acom 1011, 1X Tokyo 600w, 1x Ameritron 500w and 1x New PA by Italian new factory brand"

The DXpedition official Web site at: <http://www.mdxc.org/v84smd>

VC2, CANADA (Zone 2)

Igor, VE3ZF, will be active as VC2X from Zone 2 during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/ High-Power entry. Igor will be operating from the small French-speaking fishing village of Riviere-Au-Tonnerre, Northern Quebec. Before the contest, he will use the VE3ZF/2 callsign. Igor informs OPDX, "I will use a YAESU FTDX5000D, Kenwood TL922a, phasing verticals on low bands and Spider beam on 14-21-28." QSL all callsigns via VE3ZF.

VP5/VQ5, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

Operators Bill/KX4WW, Noll/W9RN and Doug/W4OX and Jim/K9PPY will be active as VQ5X during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via W4OX or LoTW. The team will be on the island between October 20-30th. Outside of the contest, they will use VP5/homecall and be active on all bands 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. There is a possibility they may be on 6 meters as well, but this will depend on how long it takes to finish doing some tower maintenance which will determine if they will have

enough time to put together the 6m antenna and haul it up one of the towers.

VQ92, CHAGOS ISLANDS

Jim, VQ9JC/ND9M, on Diego Garcia until mid-November, informs OPDX that he will be using another special prefix callsign, VQ92JC (nine two), between October 20th and November 4th. He states,

"I'll be QRV in the 1200-1600z time frame as much as possible during that calendar window. This is the sixth consecutive year that I've been issued a unique prefix. The only drawback is that I'm still operating Field Day style from a recreational park. My station currently is a FT-857 at 100 watts to a dipole at a height of 10 meters. I'll be on during the upcoming CQ WW SSB contest. I've made a lot of calls and CQs on SSB, both in and outside of contests, over the last several months, but very few ops have answered me. No doubt it's largely because prop condx aren't very good and because of my station limitations, so I don't know how good my SSB effort in the WW will be. I'm scheduled to return to the States just after that."

QSL via ND9M.

YS, EL SALVADOR

Operators Mario/YS1GMV, Mario/YS1MAE and members of the Club de Radio Aficionados de El Salvador (CRAS) will be active as YS1YS during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via YS1GMV.

Z8, SOUTH SUDAN

Diya, Z81D, has been very active the past week on 40/20/ 15/12/10 meters SSB at various time. Sometimes via a list operation. Suggest to watch or search QSNs on the DXCluster. QSL via OM3JW.

ZD8, ASCENSION ISLAND

Marko, N5ZO, will once again be active as ZD8O from [Ascension Island \(AF-003\)](#) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via OH0XX. Marko will be active between October 18-30th "as time allows from setting up field day operation."

ZF2, CAYMAN ISLANDS

Pete, K8PGJ, will be active as ZF2PG on [Grand Cayman \(NA-016\)](#) during the week of January 12-20th. Activity (when not diving) will occur on 20 to 15 meters SSB during the morning and early afternoon on weekdays. He will be operating in the NAQP Contest on 20 and 40 meters. QSL via his home callsign or LoTW.

ZL7, CHATHAM ISLANDS

Jim, ZL1LC, is currently planning to be active as ZL7LC from [Chatham Islands \(OC-038\)](#) between March 21-27th. Activity will be mainly PSK only. More details will be forthcoming.

ZV7, BRAZIL (Special Event)

Look for several Brazilian operators to activate special event station ZV7O between November

17-18th. Activity will take place during the "FLIPORTO 2012" (Festa Literária Internacional de Pernambuco)

<http://www.fliporto.net/fliporto2012/en/fliporto-2012>

The special ZV7O station will be on the air from the FLIPORTO event doing a public demonstration of amateur radio using different bands and modes. A special award (see QRZ.com) will be issued upon request to the Award Manager for contacts with ZV7O on two different bands or two different modes, at no cost. A colored QSL card will be printed to confirm all contacts made by ZV7O. QSL via PY7JN.



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